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BIOTECH PARKS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has sent a proposal for setting up a Biotech Park at Vadodara in the State;

(b) whether the Government has finalized the project report and also earmarked an amount of Rs. 27 crores for the purpose;

(c) if so, the present status of the proposal; and

(d) the details of other Bio-tech Parks approved by the Central Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Department of Biotechnology did receive a proposal from Government of Gujarat for setting up of Biotechnology Park at Vadodara. As per the approved Expenditure Finance Committee(EFC) provisions of Department of Biotechnology for 10th Five Year Plan there is a provision to set up only two Biotech Parks. Till now, this department has already supported two Biotech Parks in the country and at present there is no provision in the EFC to support any other project on the Biotechnology Park. Hence, department has requested Planning Commission to provide the funds to Government of Gujarat directly. Science & Technology Department of Government of Gujarat has informed the Department of Biotechnology that Planning Commission has already provided a grant of Rs. 15.00 crores directly to the Gujarat Government for the proposed park.

(d) Department of Biotechnology has approved two Biotechnology Parks at Lucknow in UP and at Hyderabad (Biotechnology Incubation Centre) in A.P.